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June 6, 2012

Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed, you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to implement a site improvement and protection project at the River Junction Fishing Access Site (FAS) near the town of Ovando in Powell County. Projects include making repairs to the access road, creating a parking area with 8-12 parking spaces, relocating the existing campsites and adding up to three more, and improving the pioneered boat ramp. The purpose is to accommodate existing public recreational use, prevent further degradation of the site and reduce impacts to the Blackfoot River.

The EA may also be obtained by: mailing to the address above; phoning 406-542-5500; emailing shrose@mt.gov; or viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Public Notices," beginning June 6).

Comments should be submitted to Chet Crowser at FWP by: mailing to the address above, emailing ccrowser@mt.gov, or phoning 406-542-5562. Comments on this Draft EA and proposal must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 pm on July 6, 2012.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period.

Sincerely,

Mack Long

Regional Supervisor

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